

Leader's Guide



SCOUTING'S OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND RECREATION

No Grave but the Sea

March 27-29, 2020

Camp McKee

Hosted by the Blue Grass Council



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Welcome from the SR-6 VOA President

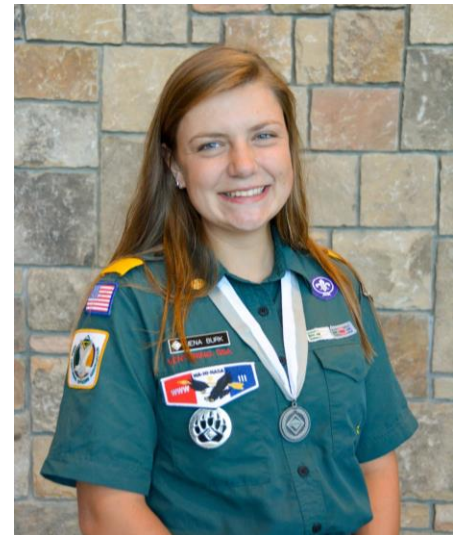
Ahoy fellow Venturers! As a representative of Southern Region Area 6 Venturing and working with Blue Grass Council, I want to welcome you individually to SOAR 2020! My team has worked tirelessly with the rest of the area's council Venturing Officers' Associations to create an exciting and unforgettable program for this weekend in the beautiful home of Blue Grass Council. Join us in working on award requirements, fellowship, and fun!

My hope for you is to SOAR with SR-6 by leading the adventure.

Yours in Venturing,

Jena Burk

2019-2020 Southern Region Area 6 Venturing President



Event Overview

Welcome to SOAR—the highlight event of SR-6 Venturing!

Our fourth annual area Venturing gathering will be hosted by the Blue Grass Council VOA at Camp McKee, in Jeffersonville, Kentucky. This beautiful camp sits nestled in the foothills of the Appalachian mountains. SOAR 2020 will be held on Friday, March 27, through Sunday, March 29.

What is SOAR?

SOAR is an area-wide weekend Scouting event filled with fellowship and fun. It brings together young men and women with an opportunity for camping, games, high adventure challenges, advancement, training, and celebrating the beauty of the outdoors. *Participants must be a registered member of a crew, ship, post, or troop who meets the age requirements (14 years old or 13 years and graduated from the 8th grade).* We will have a full schedule of activities that will suit your Venturing recreational interests. This will count as Tier II Adventure for those who attend for the weekend.

No Grave but the Sea

Want to find the hidden treasure? Enjoy spending time with your fellow Venturers? This year's theme for SOAR is "No Grave but the Sea" and will include pirate themed activities including COPE, shooting sports, and a multi-part treasure hunt.



Accommodations

Camping Options

Personal Tents

Units can bring personal tents and equipment for lodging and cooking meals in sites. There will be access to water and a shower house located within walking distance from camp at no extra cost. Hammocks are permitted, but campers must follow the Leave No Trace policy to protect trees.

Meal Options

Stamler Dining Hall

Want to spend more of your time on the range or the trails? Let the McKee staff cook for you! Meals are included in your registration for SOAR. This will include three meals on Saturday (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) as well as Sunday breakfast and two evening cracker barrels. Please indicate any dietary needs during the registration process.



Fees

Registration Category	Before 3/15	Beginning 3/16	At Event
Event Fee* - Youth (all registered Venturers, Sea Scouts, Explorers, and Scouts, ages 14-20 years)	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$50.00
Event Fee* - Adults & Visitors (visitor age is 14 and above)	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00
Shooting Sports Fee	\$5.00	\$5.00	N/A
SR-6 T-Shirt (pre-order to guarantee)	\$13.00 (S-XL) \$15.00 (XXL+)	Quantity limited	Quantity limited

*Registration fee for both youth and adults includes all meals** from Friday night cracker-barrel through Sunday breakfast

**If you have any dietary concerns, please contact SR-6 Venturing Advisor Willis Council at willis-council@comcast.net

Registration Information

All participants **must** be registered members of a crew, ship, post or troop who meet the age requirements (14 years old or 13 years and graduated from the 8th grade). Adults and guests must register for the event as well. Participants may register as a unit or as individuals.

Registration is via the West Tennessee Area Council's Doubleknot website. You will have to create an account, but the process is very simple. You will have to be on a computer and have Adobe Flash installed—mobile devices cannot be used for registration.

Visit this website to register:

<http://www.wtacbsa.org/event/venturing-soar-camp-mckee-ky/2529645>

Registration Details

- Visit this website to begin registration: <http://www.wtacbsa.org/event/venturing-soar-camp-mckee-ky/2529645>
- Click register
- Fill in required info
- Select shirt size if purchasing a shirt
- Select the number of people being registered
- Complete checkout process

Refund Policy

The West Tennessee Area Council, who processes the SR-6 Venturing SOAR reservations, does not give refunds unless a special situation is made under the following conditions:

- Family emergency
- Medical reasons (doctor letter required)

Refund request must be made in writing and submitted to the West Tennessee Area Council Service Center via mail, fax, or email. Requests must give participant name, unit number, and activity for which a refund is being requested, including a doctor's letter if applicable.

West Tennessee Area Council Office
1995 Hollywood Drive
Jackson, TN 38305

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Event Contact Information

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SOAR Tentative Schedule

The final schedule will be posted on www.sr6venturing.org and at the event.

Time	Event	Location
<i>Friday</i>		
3:30 PM	Staff Check-In	Stamler Dining Hall
5:00 PM	Arrival and Check-In Begins	Stamler Dining Hall
7:30 PM	Opening Ceremony	Arena
9:00 PM	President/Advisor Meeting	Stamler Dining Hall, Lakeside Porch
9:30 PM	Dance and Cracker Barrel	Stamler Dining Hall
12:00 PM	Lights Out	Campsites
<i>Saturday</i>		
7:00 AM	Opening Ceremony	Arena
7:30 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00 AM	Treasure Hunt, Shooting Sports, and COPE, Mountain biking	Activity Areas
12:00 PM	Lunch	Dining Hall
1:00 PM	Treasure Hunt and Shooting Sports, and COPE, Mountain biking	Activity Areas
4:30 PM	Venturing Town Hall/SR6 Meeting	TBD
5:30 PM	Dinner	Dining Hall
8:00 PM	Trainings	Assigned Classroom Areas
8:30 PM	Closing Campfire	Arena
10:00 PM	Social & Cracker Barrel	Dining Hall
11:30 PM	Lights Out	Campsites
<i>Sunday</i>		
7:00 AM	Opening Ceremony	Arena
7:30 AM	Breakfast	Dining Hall
9:00 AM	Interfaith Scouts' Own Service	TBD
12:00 PM	Final Camp Departure and Check-out	

Activities & Challenges

Activities will include **Shooting Sports, Low COPE, Mountain Biking**, and a **Treasure Hunt** with segments sponsored by each council.

Treasure Hunt

Each Council is being asked to sponsor a section of our Treasure hunt this year we want each activity to take about 10-15 minutes and be unique and possible feature something unique to the council hosting it. These activities need to include a way for a key to be discovered at the end of the segment. These keys will be used to determine how many segments the teams complete. These keys will be provided at the start of the activities and a color will be assigned to each council. Each council will be responsible for providing someone to facilitate their segment.

Training & Sessions

Duke of Edinburgh	Learn more about this international award Venturers can earn!
Crew Board of Review Training	Struggling to come up with questions to ask during the Board of Reviews? Want a new perspective on how to run them? Join us here to get a new taste in handling Boards of Reviews.
Venturing Committee Training	Highly recommend the course for adult committee members.
Personal Safety Awareness Training	This is the training for the Venturing Award. Come take the training with a twist.
Introduction to Leadership Skills	This training is required for the Discovery Award.
Project Management	This training is required for the Pathfinder Award.
Goal Setting and Time Management	This training is required for the Discovery Award.
Mentoring for Venturing	This training is required for the Summit Award.
VenturingFEST	Discover and learn more about this huge Venturing gathering at the Summit. Have questions? Get them answered here!

Sample Packing List

Personal Gear

- Venturing Uniform (or uniform selected by crew)
- Medical form (mandatory)
- T-shirts
- Pants
- Socks and underwear
- Footwear
- Rain gear
- Jacket
- Sleeping gear
- Personal hygiene items
- Water bottle
- Flashlight
- Spending money for Trading Post

Extra (optional)

- Fishing Gear
- Pocket Knife
- Watch
- Sunglasses
- Camping chair

Unit Equipment

- Tents & Ground Cloths (if using personal tents)
- Unit Flag
- Lanterns

WHAT NOT TO BRING

- Bikes or skateboards
- Roller skates or skates
- Pets (except for service animals)
- Fireworks
- Airsoft and/or paintball guns

McKee Policies and Procedures

Adult Leadership

Male and female adults must be present for all overnight coed Scouting units during trips and outings, even those including parent and child. Both male and female adults must be 21 years of age or older and registered members of the BSA. If your unit needs assistance to ensure adequate adult leadership, please contact Will Council. We will combine crews with other units to share adult leadership during the event. Refer to the Guide to Safe Scouting for updated Youth Protection procedures.

Provisional Scouts

Some units are unable to attend SOAR due to scheduling issues. Venturing-aged youth who would like to attend even if their crew is not attending will be placed with other selected units under excellent adult leadership and supervision. We will ensure that provisional Scouts have a positive McKee experience as well as make new connections.

Health Forms

Every youth, adult, and guest attending SOAR must present a completed Annual Health and Medical form with parts A and B dated within the last 12 months. A copy of the health form is available on the national BSA website. Each unit advisor will be responsible for securing medication and dispensing to their members. Please keep health forms available if the McKee medical officer should require a copy.

Alcoholic Beverages and Drugs

Alcoholic beverages and illegal drugs are not allowed on the property. Violators will be asked to leave. The unit adult leadership is responsible for securing prescription drugs for each unit. If a youth is a provisional youth participant, the medication will be placed in the care of the health office at the Health Lodge. The McKee medical staff will be in charge of dispensing the medication. If you have prescription medication, please let our SR-6 VOA staff know during check-in at Stamler Dining Hall.

Smoking/Tobacco Usage

Venturers/Scouts are not allowed to use tobacco at camp. Adults are asked to exercise discretion among Scouts and use designated smoking areas on camp.

Absolutely no smoking is allowed in buildings or tents.

Fires and Fuel Policy

Open flames (i.e., candles, Sterno, kerosene lanterns, cigarettes, etc.) are strictly prohibited in tents. Fires will be allowed in the campsites but will need to be kept in the campsite's fire ring. Units will be to provide their own firewood. Units will be required to bring their own fire extinguishers. National BSA policy permits the use of liquid fuel only under the direct supervision of an adult. Flammable substances are to be stored in the approved fuel storage area in camp. No fire is to be unattended at any time in a campsite, and fires must be completely out when no one is on site.

General Cleanliness

Showers and restrooms will be available at McKee. Please help us keep camp clean. Trash barrels will be distributed in campsites and throughout the camp. Please follow the Outdoor Code and leave camp cleaner than you found it.

Health and Safety

Our Health Lodge is manned by a certified First Aid Provider for minor treatment and emergency evaluation. The medical team will be on call 24 hours a day. In the event of an emergency, McKee has an immediate response from Montgomery County Emergency Management Services. They will be supported by the CHI Saint Joseph Health Saint Joseph, located 12 miles from McKee. This facility offers an array of state-of-the-art medical services. Emergency transportation is by ambulance is only a radio call away, and we have established a Predestinated Emergency Landing Area (PELA) in the event air evacuation is required.

Emergency Action Plan

In the event of a camp emergency, notify the McKee staff, SR Area 6 Leadership, and/or Medical Office immediately. Where an emergency involving a participant is concerned, the appropriate unit leadership should also be contacted. Emergency phone numbers will be distributed as well posted on the back of the SOAR nametag.

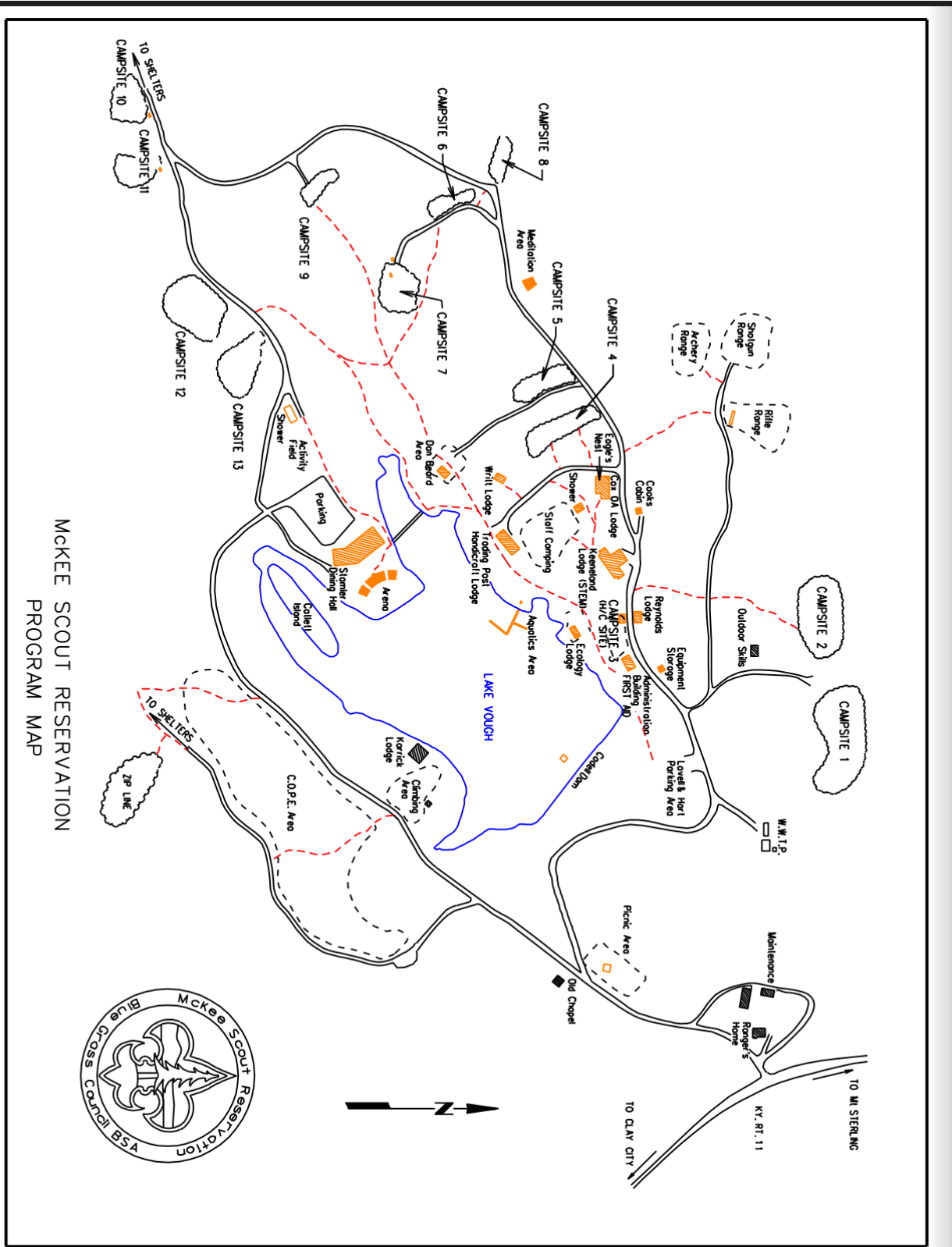
Camp Emergencies

Emergencies will be indicated by the blowing of the camp air horn. In the event of an emergency, all campers are to report to the camp arena. If the emergency is a weather emergency, campers should assemble in Stamler Dining Hall. Once the emergency has passed and the "All Clear" signal has been given, campers will be free to resume activities. Leaders should review these procedures with their campers. McKee Emergency Procedures will be reviewed on Friday night.

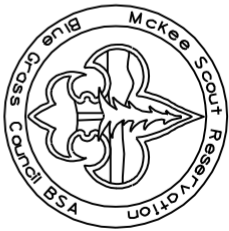
Vehicles in Camp

- The policy includes all motorized vehicles, on and off-road, licensed or unlicensed.
- No motor vehicles will be permitted beyond the parking lot except at the discretion of the Camp Ranger, Camp Master, the Blue Grass Council Scout Executive, or his designee.
- Vehicles with handicapped permits may only be used to transport the disabled Scouts or Scouters for which they are intended.
- Only one vehicle will be allowed to travel to the campsite to deliver the unit's camping equipment. They must then return to the parking lot. All gear and equipment must be unloaded at the roadside. No vehicles are to be driven into the campsite.
- It is a violation of the National BSA policy for drivers under 18 years of age to drive to, from, or on the McKee Scout reservation.
- Vehicles in unauthorized areas will be towed at the owner's expense.
- The posted speed limits must be observed at all times.
- Council-owned motorized vehicles may only be driven by a licensed driver, 18 years or older, who has been approved by the Camp Ranger, the Blue Grass Council Scout Executive, or his designee.
- As the McKee Scout Reservation does not have an approved ATV program, personal ATVs (cycle type 2, 3, or 4 wheeled vehicles) are forbidden.
- Personal small motorized vehicles (golf carts, Gators, mules, etc.) used to transport disabled Scouts or Scouters must be approved upon arrival. The disabled Scout or Scouter must present evidence of his/her disability at that time. The vehicle must be inspected by the Camp Ranger, or his designee, prior to use on the McKee Scout Reservation property. They may only be operated by a licensed driver, 18 years or older, approved by the Camp Ranger, or his designee.
- Decisions by the Camp Ranger or his designee are final.

McKee Map



McKEE SCOUT RESERVATION PROGRAM MAP



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Camp McKee

Jeffersonville, KY

SR-6 Venturing Information

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Questions?

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